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Subject: Re: Napa HE
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That sounds good Robin. I'm free for lunch next Monday or Tuesday; the 18th and the 20th. Do any of those days work?

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Date: 01/03/2012 03:50 PM
Subject: Re: Napa HE

Hi Karen,
Hope you had a good holiday. Hard to believe it is early January already. Shall we set up a time in the next week or two to discuss San Joaquin/Delta historical ecology and related links? Rainer and I could come by for a lunchtime meeting if that is convenient. Let us know when is good.
Talk to you soon,
Robin

From: Karen Schwinn
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 9:21 AM
To: Rainer Hoenicke
Cc: Robin Grossinger ; Thomas Jabusch
Subject: Re: Napa HE

Yes - let's talk more in early January. By then we

may have a bit of good on this year's budget wrt BayDelta.

Off to IEP this am - hoping for some more baby steps towards Delta RMP - IEP integration. Take care all! - ks

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Subject: Re: Napa HE

Hi, Karen -

I have a couple of additional thoughts that may link the BDCP, ANPR, and Sac and SJ watershed efforts through historical ecology: The communication and outreach aspects tend to be the most difficult to fund, yet they have been most important in getting calcified stakeholder viewpoints onto a common discussion platform.

In addition to the value that HE provides for more landscape/watershed-based beneficial use restoration, mitigation, and management approaches by delivering content, it also creates the space for antagonistic stakeholders to do something together and agree on a commonly derived picture of the past that can inform the future. It's the "stories" that the rigorously derived maps and imagery can tell in front of various stakeholder groups that can bring these disparate groups together. Unfortunately, we often do not have the leeway to do the necessary story-telling (aka communication and outreach - Goal 3 in our new Strategic Plan) that could advance broadly accepted implementation steps.

What happened in Napa, where the vintners and grapegrowers, Friends of the Napa River, the State Board, EPA, the Conservancy, UC Press, the County, and many more contributed direct funding and in-kind contributions and matches after numerous watershed symposia, WICC meetings, etc., can happen elsewhere as well. In Napa, however, Robin and I donated many, many hours of our own time, which is harder to do in the Central Valley.

I'd like to have a lunch conversation about that soon if you are interested.

Happy Holidays!

Rainer

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Subject: Re: Napa HE

Karen,

Thanks much for sharing the Napa Atlas with your colleagues. I'm glad you liked it. We got a very nice note from Sam as well. It's been gratifying to see the effect early versions have already had on wetland, river, and oak restoration in the valley, and will be exciting to see the next steps in watershed restoration.

Regarding the San Joaquin: we actually set up our Delta historical ecology work to serve as a jumping off point for San Joaquin River down the road, anticipating that that would be a useful next step. And there has been interest from some folks involved (Stillwater Sciences, FWS Refuge, Grasslands reserve, SFPUC) but no real serious discussions. As we are finishing the Delta HE study, now would be the ideal time to extend south (and help put these two pieces together!). I agree it's a place where this tool could be very useful.

Interestingly, I've had quite a bit of discussion over the past year with RB5 and CV Salts about San Joaquin Valley historical ecology and even developed some preliminary proposals (i.e. identifying natural, pre-development patterns of salt accumulation and drainage to help define different management strategies for different parts of the valley). So there might be some synergies; I think Pamela would be supportive.

So, yes, it's a big complicated area but we have some ideas how to approach it. Should we set up a meeting or phone call in the new year to explore the idea?

Have a great holiday,

Robin

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> Robin -

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> I wanted to thank you again for the early copy of your Napa Atlas.
> Several of us here got a chance to quickly peruse it before handing it
> off to Jared. Its really great! Haven't heard what he thought of it
> but I thought it was very well-written, with compelling photos and maps.
> Congratulations!
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> I was wondering whether any groups associated with San Joaquin River
> Restoration have approached you? That basin wouldn't be easy but it
> could be quite useful.
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> Thanks again. - Karen
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